FORMER MEMBERS OF UNIVERSITY GOVERNING BOARDS

REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, 1837-2001¹

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Thomas Fitzgerald	1837	Henry Whiting	1858-1863
Robert McClelland		Oliver L. Spaulding	1858-1863
Michael Hoffman		Luke Parsons	1858-1862
John F. Porter		Edward C. Walker	
Lucius Lyon	1007-1009	George Willard	
John Norvell		Thomas D. Gilbert	
Seba Murphy		Thomas J. Joslin	
John J. Adam	1837-1840	Henry C. Knight	
Samuel Denton	1837-1840	Alvah Sweetzer	1864
Gideon O. Whittemore	1837-1840	James A. Sweezey	1864-1871
Henry Schoolcraft	1837-1841	Cyrus M. Stockwell	
Isaac E. Crary	1837-1843	J. M. B. Sill	
Ross Wilkins		Hiram A. Burt	
Zina Pitcher		Joseph Estabrook	
Gurdon C. Leech		Jonas H. McGowan	
Jonathan Kearsley		Claudius B. Grant	
Joseph W. Brown	1839-1840	Charles Rynd	
Charles C. Trowbridge	1839-1842	Andrew Člimie	1874-1881
George Duffield	1839-1848	Byron M. Cutcheon	1876-1883
Daniel Hudson	1840-1841	Samuel S. Walker	1876-1883
Samuel W. Dexter		Victory P. Collier	1877
Francis J. Higginson	1840-1841	George Duffield, Jr	
Michael A. Patterson	1840-1842	George L. Maltz	
William Draper		Jacob J. Van Riper	
Oliver C. Comstock		Ebenezer O. Grosvenor	
George Goodman		James Shearer	
John Owen		Austin Blair	
Martin Kundig		James F. Joy	
Randolph Manning		Lyman D. Norris	
Andrew M. Fitch		Arthur M. Clark	
Elisha Crane	1842-1846	Charles J. Willett	
William A. Fletcher	1842-1846	Charles S. Draper	1886-1892
Lewis Cass	1843-1844	Moses W. Field	
DeWitt C. Walker		Charles R. Whitman	
Marvin Allen		Roger W. Butterfield	
Robert R. Kellogg		Charles Hebard	
Edward Mundy		Hermann Kiefer	
Alexander H. Redfield		William J. Cocker ²	
Minot T. Lane		Peter N. Cook	
Austin E. Wing		Henry Howard	
Elon Farnsworth	1846-1857	Levi Barbour	
Charles C. Taylor	1846-1850	Henry S. Dean	1894-1907
Elijah Pilcher		Frank W. Fletcher	1894-1909
John G. Atterbury	1848-1852	Charles H. Hackley	1896
Justus Goodwin	1848-1852	George A. Farr	1896-1903
Benjamin F. H. Witherell		Charles D. Lawton	1898-1905
Edwin M. Cust		Eli R. Sutton ³	
Robert McClelland		Arthur Hill ⁴	
Gustavus L. Foster		Levi Barbour	
Epaphroditus Ransom		Henry W. Carey	
Andrew Parsons		Peter White ⁵	1004-1009
Eliaba Ela	1052-1053	Level E. Verrenen	1004-1006
Elisha Ely	1852-1854	Loyal E. Knappen ⁶	1904-1911
James Kingsley		Walter H. Sawyer'	1906-1931
Edward S. Moore		Chase S. Osborn ⁸	
Charles H. Palmer		Frank B. Leland	
Michael F. Patterson		Junius E. Beal	
William Upjohn	1852-1857	John H. Grant ⁹	
Henry H. Northrop	1854-1857	George P. Codd ¹⁰	1910-1911
George W. Pack	1858	William L. Clements	1910-1933
John Van Vleck		Harry C. Bulkley	1911-1917
Benjamin L. Baxter		Harry C. Bulkley	1911-1920
Levi Bishop	1858-1863	Lucius I Hubbard ¹²	1011-1023
Coorgo Bradley	1858-1862	Lucius L. Hubbard ¹²	1011 1000
George Bradley		Vintar M. Cara	1014 1000
Ebenezer L. Brown		Victor M. Gore	
William M. Ferry		James O. Murfin	
J. Eastman Johnson		Ralph Stone	1924-1939
Donald McIntyre	1858-1863	Esther March Cram ¹³	1929-1943

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R. Perry Shorts ¹⁴ 1930-1934	Allan R. Sorenson ²³ 1962-1967
Richard R. Smith 1931-1937	Robert P. Briggs ²⁴ 1964-1968
Edmund C. Shields 1933-1935	William B. Cudlip
Charles F. Hemans	Alvin M. Bentley ²⁵
Franklin M. Cook	Frederick C. Matthaei, Jr 1967-1969
David H. Crowley	Otis M. Smith
John D. Lynch	Robert J. Brown ²⁶ 1967-1975
Edmund Č. Shields 1938-1945	Gertrude V. Huebner 1967-1975
Harry G. Kipke	Lawrence B. Lindemer ²⁷ 1968-1975
J. Joseph Herbert 1940-1955	Gerald R. Dunn
Alfred B. Connable 1942-1957	Robert E. Nederlander 1969-1985
Earl L. Burhans ¹⁵	Paul W. Brown
Franklin M. Cook ¹⁶ 1942-1943	James L. Waters 1971-1994
Vera Burridge Baits	Deane Baker
R. Spencer Bishop ¹⁷ 1943-1946	Sarah Goddard Power ²⁸ 1975-1987
Ralph A. Hayward ¹⁸ 1944-1951	Thomas A. Roach 1975-1991
Roscoe O. Bonisteel 1946-1959	David Laro
Otto E. Eckert	Nellie M. Varner
Charles S. Kennedy 1946-1961	Neal D. Nielsen
Kenneth M. Stevens 1948-1955	Veronica Latta Smith 1985-1993
Murray D. Van Wagoner 1951	Philip H. Power
Leland I. Doan	Shirley M. McFee
Paul L. Adams ¹⁹ 1956-1957	Laurence B. Deitch 1993-
Eugene B. Power ²⁰ 1956-1966	Rebecca McGowan 1993-
Donald M. D. Thurber 1958-1963	Andrea Fischer Newman 1995-
Carl Brablec	Daniel D. Horning 1995-
Irene Ellis Murphy 1958-1967	Olivia P. Maynard
William K. McÍnaĬly²¹ 1960-1964 Frederick C. Matthaei²² 1960-1967	S. Martin Taylor
	David A. Brandon 1999-
Paul G. Goebel	Katherine E. White 1999-

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In 1821, the territorial legislature established the university in Detroit as The University of Michigan. The governing board became a board of 21 trustees, to serve at the pleasure of the legislature and whose vacancies were to be filled by the legislature. The members of this first board were appointed in the act. See An Act for the establishment of An University (1821). An 1831 amendment changed the manner in which the trustees were chosen, making them appointments by the governor by and with the advice and consent of the legislative council. See An Act to amend the several acts to provide for the establishment of the University of Michigan (1831), Laws of the Territory of Michigan.

Act LV of 1837 reorganized the government of The University of Michigan by vesting responsibility in a 12-member board of regents to be appointed by the governor by and with the advice and consent of the senate. The first members appointed under the provisions of Act No. LV were divided into classes of 3, each class serving terms of 1, 2, 3, and 4 years. A subsequent amendment provided for the appointment of 3 members for 4-year terms beginning January 1, 1838. See Revised Statutes of 1838,

title XI, ch. 2.

With the implementation of the Constitution of 1850, the post of regent became an elective one, with 1 regent elected in each judicial circuit for a term to be the same as that of a circuit judge. Act 25 of 1851 called for the first election of regents on the first Monday in April of 1851 and every sixth year thereafter. During this period, the size of the board ranged from 8 to 10 members. In 1862, voters approved Joint Resolution No. 17, which reduced board membership to 8 members beginning in 1863. To be elected at the same time as justices of the supreme court, 2 members first elected under this constitutional amendment each served terms of 2, 4, 6, and 8 years. Subsequently, voters elected 2 regents at each regular election for terms of 8 years. Vacancies which occurred were filled by appointment of the governor.

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Implementation of the Constitution of 1963 resulted in the extension of the terms of the sitting board (Brablec, Murphy, McInally, Matthaei, Goebel, Sorenson, Cudlip and E. Power) with the enactment of Act 23 of the 2nd Extra Session of 1963. The first election of regents under the provisions of the Constitution of 1963 occurred at the November 1966 general election. See Act 5 of the 2nd Extra Session of 1963.

- ² Deceased; succeeded by Arthur Hill June 10, 1901.
- 3 Resigned; succeeded by Levi Barbour June 20, 1902.
- ⁴Deceased; succeeded by John H. Grant December 23, 1909.
- 5 Deceased; succeeded by Chase S. Osborn July 3, 1908.
- 6 Resigned; succeeded by Benjamin S. Hanchett April 3, 1911.
- ⁷Deceased; succeeded by Richard R. Smith May 11, 1931.
- 8 Resigned; succeeded by Lucius L. Hubbard January 11, 1911.
- ⁹ Deceased; succeeded by William Comstock February 14, 1913.
- ¹⁰ Resigned; succeeded by Harry C. Bulkley April 7, 1911.
- 11 Resigned; succeeded by Esther March Cram November 1, 1929.
- 12 Resigned; succeeded by Edmund C. Shields January 11, 1933. 13 Resigned; succeeded by R. Spencer Bishop January 28, 1943.
- 14 Resigned; succeeded by James O. Murfin March 21, 1934.
- 15 Following the April 7, 1941, election at which voters elected Burhans to the Board of Regents, third-place finisher Franklin M. Cook sought to oust Burhans from the office, on the grounds that Burhans had no legal right to the seat. Burhans, who at the time of his election to the Board of Regents held the office of state senator from the 8th district, answered that the board office was his pright of a valid election. The secretary of state certified the election of Burhans and the other winning candidate, and Burhans had filed his oath as a regent and acted in that capacity. Cook asked the court to oust Burhans and to rule that he was the regent.

Citing the provisions of Const. 1908, art. 5, §7, and a previous decision, the Michigan Supreme Court held that Burhans was not a regent of the University of Michigan because every vote cast for him was void. The constitutional provisions and case law the

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court cited prohibited a member of the legislature from receiving any civil or elected appointment during the term for which the member was elected. The court also dismissed Burhans' contention that the regents were not state officers, but only officers of a corporate body known as the board of regents of the university. In dismissing the claim, the court again cited its previous decisions establishing the Board of Regents as a department of the state, created by the constitution to perform state functions. Stating, "Defendant is a usurper in the office of regent... this ouster creates a vacancy in the office of regent," the court ousted Burhans on December 23, 1942. The court did, however, disagree on the means of filling the vacancy. The governor resolved the issue by appointing Franklin M. Cook to succeed Burhans on December 24, 1942. See *Attorney General, ex rel Cook v Burhans*, 304 Mich. 108 (1941).

- 16 Deceased; succeeded by Vera Burridge Baits May 21, 1943.
- ¹⁷ Deceased; succeeded by Roscoe O. Bonisteel November 2, 1946.
- 18 Resigned; succeeded by Murray D. Van Wagoner January 24, 1951.
- ¹⁹ Resigned to become Michigan attorney general; succeeded by Donald M. D. Thurber January 4, 1958.
- 20 Resigned; succeeded by Alvin M. Bentley April 4, 1966.
- ²¹ Deceased; succeeded by Robert P. Briggs November 10, 1964.
- ²² Resigned: succeeded by Frederick C. Matthaei, Jr. June 12, 1967.
- 23 Resigned; succeeded by Otis M. Smith March 7, 1967.
- ²⁴ Resigned; succeeded by Lawrence B. Lindemer May 15, 1968.
- ²⁵ Deceased; succeeded by Lawrence B. Lindemer April 23, 1969.
- 26 First members elected under Constitution of 1963; Act 5 of the 2nd Extra Session of 1963; Act 23 of the 2nd Extra Session of 1963.
- 27 Resigned; succeeded by David Laro June 3, 1975.
- ²⁸ Deceased; succeeded by Philip H. Power June 17, 1987.

Sources: Archives, Michigan Department of State Record of Civil Officers, 1835-1962; Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan; Bureau of Elections, Michigan Department of State: Constitutions of the State of Michigan; Great Seal Office, Michigan Department of State Record of Civil Officers, 1963 - present, Laws of Michigan; Laws of the Territory of Michigan; Michigan Reports, Volume 304; Public and Local Acts of Michigan; and Revised Statutes of 1846.